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AN ORDINANCE OF PARLIAMENT,

Concerning

The Subsidie of Tonnage, and Poundage.

LONDON,
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lock, and are to sold at *Temple Barre*
in *Fleet-street*, 1642.

An Ordinance of *Parliament* concerning the Subsidy of Tonnage and Poundage.

THE *Lords* and *Commons* now assembled in *Parliament*, taking into consideration the great perills and dangers, that may ensue not onely to this Kingdome but likewise unto that of *Ireland*, especially in these times of apparent danger, far exceeding all former times, either of his *Majestie*, or of his Royall Father King *Iames*, and taking into further consideration the great debt now due unto the Navie, aswell before the beginning of this *Parliament* as since, amounted to the summe of two hundred thousand pounds or thereabouts. And that two and fifty Ships of Warre are now in the actuall service of this Kingdome, as well for the Defence thereof as of *Ireland*, and not knowing what other supply of Ships and of store will be further requisite in these times of danger; and well knowing that they cannot bee maintained without great summes of Money, nor the said great Arrears satisfied by any moneys already collected or owing by Merchants for the time past.

And foreseeing the danger and the necessity of

the ſupply did long before this time prepare a new Booke of *Rates* which paſſed both *Houſes* now ordered to bee publiſhed, wherein they had aſwell an equall reſpect to the eaſe of Merchants, as to the raiſing of ſuch ſummes of money as might be proportionable to thoſe ſupplies; And did likewiſe prepare and paſſe a Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, whereby the Booke of *Rates* is confirmed, which Bill they have likewiſe ordered to bee printed and publiſhed, which after they were paſt both *Houſes*, were upon the nine and twenty day of *Iune* laſt paſt: ſent to his Majeſty to *Yorke* for the Royall Aſſent, which his Majeſty not having paſſed; The *Lords* and *Commons* did upon the fourteenth day of this inſtant *July* command the Earle of *Holland*, Sir *Iohn Holland*, and Sir *Philip Stapleton* (by whom they did ſend the late Petition to his Majeſty) in the name of both *Houſes* to move his Majeſty to give a ſpeedy paſſage to that Bill, whereunto his Majeſty hath given no Anſwer at all. And whereas the former Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* did determine the firſt day of this inſtant *July*, ſince which time no Moneys intended to bee raiſed by this laſt Bill have beene collected. Now the ſaid Lords and Commons having taken the Premiſſes into due and ſerious conſideration for preventing the inevitable dangers that muſt neceſſary enſue without timely prevention in that behalfe, have thought good to, make this their

Declaration

Declaration to all his Majeſties Loving Subjects.

Firſt whereas by an *Act* made this preſent *Parliament*, intituled an *Act* for the reliefe of the Captives taken by the Turkiſh Mooreiſh, and other Pyrats, And to prevent the taking of others in time to come, All Merchants aſwell Denizens as Aliens, for any goods exported or imported from the tenth day of *December* one thouſand ſix hundred forty and one, during the terme of three yeares then next enſuing, are to make due entries of ſuch their goods in the Port of *London*, and all other his Majeſties Ports within the Realm of *England* and Dominion of *Wales* upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the ſaid goods.

Now the ſaid Lords and Commons doe enjoyne all Merchants aſwell *Denizens* as *Aliens* to make due Entrie of all ſuch goods and Merchandize, as they ſhall during the continuance of the ſaid *Act*, export or import. And to the intent that the Entries may be accordingly made, they doe expect that the Cuſtomers Comptrollers Searchers and other the Officers of the ſaid City of *London*, and other the Ports reſpectively doe carefully attend their ſeverall charges, and make due ſeizure as forfeited, of all ſuch goods and Merchandize as ſhall not be entred according to the intent of the ſaid *Statute*.

2. That although the ſaid laſt Bill of *Tonnage*

and *Poundage* hath not yet had the Royall assent, and therefore the *Subject* by the Law is not compellable to pay the duty therein limited to bee paid, yet the Premisses and pressing necessities considered.

The Lords and Commons doe declare that it shall bee taken as an acceptable service to the *Common-wealth* by a manifestation of their good affections to the publique, of all those, that shall upon entry of their goods advance, and pay by way of Loane unto the *Collectors*, or *Commissioners* which now are or hereafter shall be named, or to their *Deputy* or *Deputies* all such summe or summes of money as are payable by the last Book of *Rates*, and should have been due in case the said Bill had past for a *Law*.

3. That every Merchant so advancing money as aboveſaid shall have allowance by way of defalcation of fifteene pounds *per Cent.* out of every hundred pounds hee or they shall so advance and pay, over and above all other allowances made in the said Bill or Booke of *Rates*, or either of them, and so out of every great and lesse summe after that *rate*.

4. Whereas the Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* now remaining with his *Majesty*, cannot have force of a *Law* without the further concurrence of the *Lords* and *Commons*, in respect the Speaker of the House of *Commons* by and with the consent of the said *Commons* is to carrie the said Bill up into the *Lords* House for the Royall assent, as

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alſo in reſpect, that in his *Majeſties* abſence from *Parliament*, his *Majeſty* hath no power to paſſe his Royall aſſent unto a Bill, but by his Letters Patent under the great Seale and ſigned with his hand declared and notified to the *Lords* and *Commons* aſſembled together, inthe higher Houſe as by a *Statute* made in the three and twentie yeare of the reigne of *King Henry* the 8. *capite* 21. appeareth.

Now the *Lords* and *Commons* for the further aſſurance of Merchants advancing moneys as aforeſaid, doe promiſe and declare, that before they conſent to the perfecting of the ſaid Bill of *Tonnage*, and *Poundage* now remaining with his *Majeſty*, or any other Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* whatſoever, proviſion ſhall bee made that the ſaid allowance of fifteene *per cent.* ſhall bee confirmed unto the ſaid Merchants accordingly. And that they, their heires executors adminiſtrators and aſſignes ſhall be for ever acquitted and diſcharged of, and from the payment thereof.

5. To the intent that no Merchant doth forbeare to advance the ſaid moneys by way of Loane, according as hereby is deſired, in hope that the duties in the ſaid Bill ſhall not hereafter become payable from the firſt day of *Iuly*, one thouſand ſixe hundred fortie two. The *Lords* and *Commons* doe declare that no Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* ſhall hereafter paſſe in *Parliament*, but ſuch as ſhall relate and be in force to compell all

Merchants to pay for all goods and merchandize exported or imported from the ſaid firſt day of *Iuly*, one thouſand ſixe hundred fortie two, on which day the former Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* expired. In which Bill there ſhall bee that clauſe of forfeiture of the value of all ſuch goods as ſhall not be duly entred in the Cuſtome Houſe from, and after that day in ſuch manner as in the ſaid Bill is expreſſed.

6. That all Merchants who ſhall not advance money by way of Loane as aforeſaid in regard of the preſent and preſſing dangers, and neceſſities.

The Lords and Commons doe declare, that at what time ſoever they ſhall conſent to the paſſing of any Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, All ſuch perſons who ſhall not advance monies as aforeſaid ſhall be charged to pay the duties of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, from the ſaid firſt day of *Iuly* one thouſand ſixe hundred forty two, during the Terme of the ſaid Bill in ſuch manner as by the ſaid Bill ſhall be provided.

That to the intent that no officer belonging to any Cuſtome-houſe within this Kingdome, or the Dominion of *Wales*, or other perſons appointed to bee Commiſſioners for receiving of ſuch Monies as ſhall bee advanced by Merchants as aforeſaid, be diſcouraged by reaſon of any Penalties mentioned in any former Act of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* paſt this *Parliament*: for receiving of any duties upon Merchandize not being

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granted by *Parliament*, Although the *Lords* and *Commons* doe conceive and hereby declare; That the receiving of the ſaid Summes of Money before mentioned is not within the true intention of the ſaid Penalties, the ſame being advanced voluntarily by way of Loane: as alſo in reſpect thoſe *Acts*, and the true intent of them, were principally to reſtraine, the Crowne from impoſing upon the People without their conſent. Yet forthe further incouragement of ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall receive any ſuch Sums, They doe declare and promiſe: That whereas the ſaid Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* now remaining with his Majeſty or any other do paſſe for a Law, there ſhall be proviſion made in ſuch Bill for the indempnity and ſecurity of all ſuch perſon and perſons in that behalfe.

8. That whereas by a former Order of the Commons Houſe of *Parliament*: the Officers appointed for that purpoſe have Order to take Bonds of all Merchants for the payment of one *per Cent.* to be raiſed by vertue of the aforeſaid Bill for the reliefe of the Captives taken by Turkiſh or other Pyrates, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be agreed on by the Lords and *Commons* in *Parliament*. It is now ordered, That all ſuch Merchants as ſhall not advance money by way of Loane as aforeſaid, ſhall at all times hereafter upon entry of their goods, make payment of ready money for their ſaid goods according to the Tenor of the ſaid Bill, and likewiſe all ſuch other

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ſummes of Money as by vertue of the ſaid Bill are due from the ſaid Merchants, upon Bill or otherwiſe for goods by them formerly entred, ſince the tenth day of *December* one thouſand ſixe hundred fortie and one, by the true intent of which *Act* the one *per Cent.* to bee paid and received, is to bee taken and received according to ſuch *Rates* as were due and payable by the Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* which did laſt determine.

9. The *Lords* and *Commons* doe ordaine that the ſame Collectors or Commiſſioners who have formerly received the ſeverall Duties upon Merchandize, upon the ſeverall Bills of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* paſt this *Parliament*, ſhall be, and are deputed to be Commiſſioners, who are enabled by this Ordinance to receive all ſuch ſumme or ſummes of Money, which ſhall at any time hereafter be voluntarily advanced by way of Loane in ſuch manner as they have formerly received, the former Duties of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, which ſaid Commiſſioners, their Deputie or Deputies, or any one of them, ſhall have full power and authority to give allowance by way of defalcation after the rate of fifteene *per Cent.* out of all ſuch moneyes as ſhall bee advanced, according to the true intent of this Ordinance. All which moneys the ſaid Commiſſioners their Depaty or Deputies ſhall receive upon Accompt, and ſhall from time to time iſſue out the ſame, as they the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall bee authorized by Order of the Lords and Commons in *Parliament*

ament, or of ſuch other perſon or perſons as they ſhall nominate and appoint, to bee imployed for the uſes herein before expreſſed.

10. For the more due Execution of the Premiſſes, and that account be juſtly kept and the Commiſſioners duely charged, the Cuſtomers and Comptrollers aſwell of the City of *London* as the Out-Ports are required once in every 28. dayes to make a true accompt, of all ſuch entries as have beene, made in the ſeverall Ports reſpectively, and of the moneys payable by the ſaid Entries, and are to certifie the ſaid accompts monethly unto *William Toames* Eſquire, Surveyor Generall in the Cuſtome Houſe of *London*, who is likewiſe required to make up a perfect Accompt upon all the ſeverall Certificates, and to returne in the ſame unto the Commons Houſe of *Parliament* or to ſuch *Committee* as ſhall bee thereunto authorized by them.

11. That for the better directions aſwell of the Merchants, what is to be performed on their parts, as of the ſeverall Officers of the Cuſtome Houſe in the ſeverall Ports reſpectively. It is Ordained by the Lords and Commons now aſſembled in *Parliament*. That a true Coppy of the ſaid Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* which hath paſt both Houſes, and now remaining with his Majeſty ſhall be printed, and both it and the ſaid Booke of Rates publiſhed and ſent aſwell to the Officers of the Cuſtome Houſe in the City of *London*, as unto the Officers of the Out-Ports reſpectively.

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Laſtly for the incouragement of Merchants Strangers trading in the Port of *Dover* to continue their intercourſe of Trade, and the Importation of *Bullion* and forraigne Coyne; It is ordered by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that the ſeverall Officers in that Port reſpectively ſhall; and may from time to time give unto all Merchants Strangers the like reſpect and allowance in their Cuſtomes, as they have formerly done.

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